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1. TO AVOID ANY POSSIBLE MISUNDERSTANDING BY ROMANIANS
REGARDING PARAGRAPH IV (LONG TERM PURCHASING AGREEMENTS)
OF DRAFT JOINT AGRICULTURAL TRADE STATEMENT (REFTEL),
EMBASSY SHOULD INSURE THAT ROMANIANS UNDERSTAND THAT
PARAGRAPH DOES NOT PROVIDE COMMITMENT BY USG BEYOND
ASSURANCES IN PARAGRAPH II OF STATEMENT THAT "...ROMANIAN
FOREIGN TRADE ENTERPRISES MAY PURCHASE COMMODITIES IN
THE UNITED STATES MARKET, SUBJECT TO AVAILABILITIES,
UP TO LEVELS SPECIFIED IN THE CURRENT VERSION OF THE LIST
TO BE PROVIDED BY ROMANIA."

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2. OUR CONCERN IS THAT ROMANIANS MIGHT ERRONEOUSLY CONCLUDE THAT STATEMENT ON LONG TERM PURCHASING AGREEMENTS IS COMMITMENT TO EXEMPT SALES UNDER SUCH CONTRACTS FROM EXPORT CONTROLS SHOULD THEY BECOME NECESSARY. WE ARE MAKING NO SUCH COMMITMENT, AS WE CAN ONLY ASSURE REASONABLE AND EQUITABLE DISTRIBUTION OF AVAILABLE EXPORT SUPPLIES. SISCO

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